(b) if so, the details of representation received; and

(c) the action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) The Government have received several representations from sugar industry demanding increase in import duty on sugar. The demands are for increasing import duty to various levels.

(c) The representations for increasing import duty on sugar are under examination of the Government.

Proposal of World Bank assistance for drinking water projects in Gujarat

2525. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding World Bank assistance for drinking water projects in Gujarat, particularly in Kutch-Saurashtra region is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Opening of Branches of NABARD

2526. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) which were proposed to be opened in the country particularly in Gujarat during 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the number of branches opened out of these alongwith their locations, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to open some more branches of NABARD during 1998-99; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) does not have any branch office concept. It has set up 25 Regional Offices, one Sub-Office and Srinagar Cell at Srinagar. State-wise details of Regional Offices of NABARD are furnished at Statement-I. *(See* below) In addition NABARD has posted District Development Managers (DDMs) in 256 districts in various States as given at Statement-II. *((See* below) During the year 1996-97, a total number of 18 DDMs were posted in various States. No DDM was posted in Gujarat in 1996-97. No DDM office was opened in the year 1997-98.

(c) and (d) NABARD has contemplated to set up 25 DDM offices during the year 1998-99 in different States. Details of DDM offices proposed to be opened during 1998-99 are given in Statement-Ill.

Statement-I

State-wise details of the Regional Offices of NABARD

Sr. No	State/Union Territory	Location of Regional Offices
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2.	Assam	Guwahati
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itnagar
4.	Bihar	Patna
5.	New Delhi	New Delhi
6.	Goa	Panaji
7.	Gujarat	Ahmdabad
8.	Haryana/Punjab	Chandigarh
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
11.	Karnataka	Bangalore
12.	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram

Sr. No	State/Union Territory	Location of Regional Offices
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
14	Maharashtra	Pune
15	Manipur	Imphal
16	Meghalaya	Shillong
17	Mizoram	Aizawl
18	Nagaland	Dimapur
19	Orissa	Bhubaneshwar
20	Rajasthan	Jaipur
21	Sikkim	Gangtok
22	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
23	Tripura	Agartala
24	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
25.	West Bengal	Calcutta

Statement-II

State-wise break-up of DDM offices of NABARD

Sr. No	State/UT	No. of district offices of NABARD
1.	Andhra Pradesh	18
2.	Assam	11
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	—
4.	Bihar	22
5.	Delhi	—
6.	Goa	2
7.	Gujarat	9
8.	Haryana	13
9.	Himachal Pradesh	6
10	Jammu & Kashmir	2
11	Karnataka	15
12	Kerala	13
13	Madhya Pradesh	22
14	Maharashtra	19
15	Manipur	—
16	Meghalaya	2
17	Mizoram	—
18	Nagaland	—
19	Orissa	14
20	Punjab	9
21	Rajasthan	17
22	Sikkim	—
23	Tamil Nadu	17
24	Tripura	1
25	Uttar Pradesh	34
26	West Bengal	9
27	Pondicherry	1
	TOTAL	256

Statement-III

Details of offices proposed to be opened by NABARD during 1998-99

s. No	State	Location/District
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam
2.	Bihar	Begusarai
3.		Bhagalpur
4.		Bokaro
5:		Darbhanga
6.		East Singhbhum
7.		East Champaran
8.		Gumla
9.		Munger
10.		Giridih
11.		Siwan
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Guna
13.		Khargone
14.		Shivpuri
15.	Orissa	Nayagarh
16.		Kendrapada
17.		Sundergarh
18.		Navrangpur
19.	Punjab	Amritsar
20.		Bhatinda
21.	Tamil Nadu	Shivganga
22.	Uttar Pradesh	Baghpat
23.		Ghaziabad
24.		Mathura
25.	West Bengal	Bankura

Income Tax Settlement Commission

2527. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI CO. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted Income Tax Settlement Commission;

(b) if so, the names of the Members of the Commission and its terms of reference;

(c) the total number of cases referred to it so far and the amount involved in those cases; and

(d) the total number of cases settled and the amount involved in the settlement?